



THE RHINO RESOURCE

We Are Family

How can we better connect?



We are a squadron. We are a group of people who work together to support our country. We are a family. We support and encourage each other. We invest in each other. Be a part of our Rhino Family and welcome new Members. Attend the next family event, or participate in the next Single Marine event. Find new ways to connect and support each other. We will all benefit from this.

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Semper Fidelis, Always Faithful

Awards

JANUARY

Cpl Charles (GCM)
LCpl Dorce (GCM)
Cpl Ene (GCM)
Cpl Francis (GCM)
Cpl Gettelman (GCM)
Cpl Hill (GCM)
Cpl McGlinn (GCM)

SSgt Meza (NAM)
SSgt Narvaez (NAM)
SSgt Waikiki (NAM)
Cpl Westergaard (GCM)

FEBRUARY

Cpl Alonso (GCM)
LCpl Bonkowski (GCM)
Cpl Macareno (GCM)
Cpl Richardson (GCM)
1stLt Simmons (NCM)
CWO2 Apicella (NCM)
LCpl Kauffman (NAM)
Cpl Nieves (GCM)
CWO2 Shephard (NCM)
LCpl Wilson (GCM)

MARCH

Sgt Childers (GCM)
LCpl Howard (GCM)
Cpl Hale (GCM)
Cpl Leavell (GCM)

WORDS FROM OUR COMMANDING OFFICER

Dear Family and Friends of MWSS-374,

It is with great pleasure that we send you this newsletter, the first in a series of updates we plan to forward for distribution. The Marines and Sailors in this command come from just about every state in the Union and several from countries like the UK, Sudan, and Belize. We have dozens of different Military Occupational Specialties (MOS) represented within our ranks. Despite our differences in background and operational expertise, we have forged an extraordinary team in the crucible of shared hardship and a common purpose. As each of you know, we spent the time leading up to this deployment training as hard as we could train in order to prepare ourselves, both individually and as a team. It seems that between Mojave Vipers and the new ITX, there has been no down time, but I assure you that the time and energy required to achieve this level of proficiency has been immense and the sacrifices of time with family and loved ones have not gone unnoticed. This time was well spent, and every one of your deployed Marines and sailors is at the peak of his/her operational proficiency.



LIEUTENANT COLONEL
Michael J. Livingston

We hope to have this newsletter out to all of you every quarter. It will give us an opportunity to share our experiences and bring you all up to speed on what is going on in the Rhino family. Additionally, our Family Readiness program, coordinated by Carl Vanderzee, stands ready to support our families with informational resources and activities to occupy some of your time and prepare some of you for the homecoming of your loved ones. Please enjoy this newsletter and I welcome your feedback on ways we can improve it as it is ultimately written for you. Contact Carl, affectionately known as “The FRO” (Family Readiness Officer), with your suggestions.

LtCol Michael J. Livingston
MWSS-374 “Rhinos” Commanding Officer



Words from our Sergeant Major

Dear Rhino Family,

My wife Anita and I joined your ranks roughly three months ago. You all have welcomed us with open arms. We have had the pleasure to meet with a few family members at the unit's Family Readiness events and we look forward to meeting and getting to know everyone.

The Commanding Officer and I are eager to meet every spouse within our Rhino family and I encourage each of you to attend the Family Readiness meetings and events. Additionally, I would encourage you to voice any concerns you may have while part of MWSS-374.

Your Marines have been working tirelessly and performing at an extremely high level while engaged in operations at WTI 2-13. I am confident that each of them is eager to return home safely to their families. The support of a Marine's family is paramount, and I appreciate all that you do for your loved ones and the sacrifices you make for our unit, and the Marine Corps.

Semper Fidelis,

Sergeant Major Richard and Anita Hunt



*Sergeant Major
Richard L. Hunt*

Take a look at eMarine
www.emarine.org
It will be updated regularly with
news, Register TODAY!

Airfield Company Update

To the Families of Airfield Operations Company:

I cannot put into words how thankful I am for the devotion and support that you give to those who work at the Airfield. As the Airfield Operations Company Commander, I share a mutual responsibility with you, to care for and protect your loved ones. Welfare and safety are my top priority. Without you and your Marines, the essential requirements at the airfield would not be met.

Over the past year, the company completed six more Enhanced Mojave Viper Exercises as that era of training exercises came to a close. The introduction of the Integrated Training Exercise (ITX), to Twenty-nine Palms, is going to present new goals, new challenges, and increases in support requirements. The command, however, worked diligently to suggest a re-structure of the exercise to the training command as it pertains to the Marine Wing Support Squadron. In the past, our unit relentlessly and professionally supported every training exercise at the airfield; the new structure brings more responsibility to visiting units supporting the airfield. I am hopeful that this new era of exercises brings some training opportunities to other units while freeing our Marines to broaden their horizons and strengthen ties with the families that endure the same hardships.

PCS season is upon us and, it breaks my heart that my time is coming to a close with this unit. I have passed the Guidon to the next in line. Capt Lapps checked into the unit on 3 Jan only to go straight to Aviation Safety Officer School. He returned in early February to begin a turnover with the company duties and familiarize himself with you. Since he will be writing the next letter, I want to take the opportunity to say that this is the crux of my career as a Marine Officer; it is all roasted corn stands from here. I will never feel as though I can make a difference with so many in any other Marine Corps billet or career field.

The lengths you go to support this airfield and the Marines that use it is appreciated. Thank you for the sacrifices you have made.

Semper Fidelis!
Captain Bradley Swanson

Promotions

FEBRUARY

Sgt Christopher Harjo
Sgt Dominic Sewell
Sgt Brenden Stucko
Sgt Andres VelascoNarvaez
Cpl Connor Niccum
LCpl Jonathan Algarin
LCpl Andres Hernandez
LCpl Ryan Hoefer
LCpl Patrick McDonald
LCpl Raheem Russell

MARCH

1stLt Richard Hayek
Sgt Sean DeGruy
Sgt Andrew Dukleth
Sgt Trenier Martin
Sgt Christopher Michael
Sgt Michael Overfield
Sgt Thomas Pereda
Sgt Charles Ross
Cpl Bonifacio Banda Jr
Cpl Jessica Chila
LCpl Brandon Anderson
LCpl Aaron Dubreuil
LCpl Dalton Howard
LCpl Sara Jaramillo
LCpl Garfield Leung
LCpl Haley Lopus
LCpl Jacob Reed
LCpl Michael Reith
LCpl Aaron Stephens

APRIL

LT James Campbell
Sgt Louis Lodi
Cpl Orlando Benitez
Cpl Alex Boespflug
Cpl Derek Raines
Cpl Nicholas Schoen
LCpl Arthur Francis
LCpl Quadir Kingholder
LCpl Daquan Phillip
LCpl Hugo Porras
LCpl Amelia TorresRamirez

Engineer Company Update

Greetings from Engineer Company,

I would like to say “thank you” to all the spouses of Engineer Company on behalf of my wife Karine, my senior enlisted advisor GySgt Cuza, and the remainder of the platoon and company staff. All the support you provide to your Marines is vital as Engineer Company focuses on accomplishing the mission of providing essential engineer services during Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course 2-13 (WTI 2-13).

Since conducting the Change of Command in November, I have had the pleasure of working with each and every one of your Marines. Karine and I have also enjoyed meeting many of you at the Squadron Thanksgiving party, Christmas party, and Company BBQ and look forward to a few more family events once we return from WTI. Over the past several months, the Marines have been working hard while executing a Company and then Squadron FEX in preparation for WTI 2-13.

As soon as we arrived in Yuma, Arizona, the main focus was to establish a base camp at the Cannon Air Defense Complex (CADC). All the Marines of the company worked 17 hours a day as they set up the campsite with billeting tents and other life support requirements. The camp was set up in several days and looks magnificent.

None of the training for WTI 2-13 could be conducted without the support provided for your Marines. I am extremely proud of them and look forward to getting them home to you as soon as possible. Again, I want to thank each and every one of you for your support as your Marines work diligently. We know it is not any easier back home as you pick up the duties of your spouse in their absence and we appreciate all the hard work.

Take care and let any one of our Family Readiness team know if there are any issues that we can assist with. I look forward to seeing you again at the next Family Readiness function when we get home.

Captain Justin D. Hunter



Headquarters & Service Company

Friends and Family of Headquarters and Service Company, (H&S)

I hope this letter finds you well and in good spirits. As H&S Company deploys to Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course 2-13, I know you will be in our thoughts. Your Marines and Sailors will be deploying to Yuma, Arizona to support one of the largest integrated training exercises in the Marine Corps. As thousands of Marines, Sailors, and Soldiers from across the country and overseas converge on Yuma, your Marines and Sailors will already be in place to support them. We will be one of the first in and last out.

The Marines and Sailors of H&S will, without a doubt, uphold the tradition of exceptional support and continue our strong legacy. I am proud to be with them and watch over them during this exercise over the next few months. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the command and we will do everything we can to support you. Again, it is my honor to serve H&S Company and MWSS-374 and I look forward to leading the Company through WTI 2-13 and in the months ahead.

Semper Fidelis,

Captain Ferris L. Linn



Motor Transport Company

Families of Motor Transport Company,

I am writing to extend a heartfelt thanks to the families and friends who have supported Motor Transport Company during the last year and welcome back those returning from deployment. I was honored to assume command of this company in July 2012. It is an awesome responsibility, and one that I do not take lightly. I have been both impressed and inspired by the Marines intense sense of pride and "Can do" attitude.

Since assuming command, I have learned that the company's morale and unit cohesion is directly impacted by our network of families and friends. The Marine Corps is not a job, it is a lifestyle. You are now a part of it. Our Marines voluntarily entered the service of their country and are prepared to fight and defend the freedom and security of their loved ones. However, your warriors cannot sustain that fight without your continued love and support.

Over the next year, the company will support WTI 2-13 in Yuma and conduct company level training and operations. In addition, the company will host family days and other Family Readiness events. Whenever possible, I encourage you to attend these Family Readiness events to meet and socialize with other family members from this company and the squadron.

Both Jenny and I thank you for the sacrifices you have made. – *Semper Fidelis!*

Captain Ron Dutil

A quick “hello” from your FRO!

Dear Rhino Families,

I hope you all are having a wonderful spring season in spite of the extremely busy work schedule the Squadron has been keeping. Thank you to all of the volunteers who have been helping out with events while the Marines and Sailors have been down in Yuma!!

I would like to say a special “Thank You” to Laura Roberts, Lisa Shephard, and Samantha McCrory. These volunteers are leaving our Squadron behind due to PCS orders, leaving the military through retirement, and end of active service. Your dedication to being in service to others and constant efforts to make our Squadron and Rhino Family better will be sorely missed. Your advice and wise counsel has helped us guide our Family Readiness program into greatness!!

I will need your help in the months ahead as we move to a new Family Care Plan, and begin to audit & update all of our Family Readiness Authorization Forms and Contact Rosters. Please ask your Marine to update his or her information with me. If you have changed your email address, phone numbers, marital status, moved, or have had a baby; your information will need to be updated in our records.

I am always looking for your input on how to make our Rhino family better. Please give us your ideas on events and opportunities for Spouse Networking, whether that is Socials, Spouse Lunches & Coffees, Weekday Walking Groups, Dog Walking Groups, or Kids Play Groups. The benefit of networking with other spouses is to build relationships & have a robust support system here in the high desert.

I look forward to serving with you as we make 2013 a great year for the Rhinos. If you would like to volunteer your skills and join our Family Readiness Team, please contact me or one of our Family Readiness Assistants.

Thank you,
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Jenny Dutil

Samantha McCrory

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MWSS-374 Important Websites

E-Marine

MWSS-374 Official Website

MWSS-374 Official Facebook Page

Welcome our “Lil’ Rhinos”

Isabella Sophia Musick
James Gabriel Dillon
Grayson E. Linn
Daniel J Hawkins III
Flynn A. Dalton
Aurora Rhyen Piepmeyer
Ares Hunter Jimenez

Logan J.J. Asher
Colton L. Astler
Grace E. Metz
Sophia Kristin Hernandez
Kenley Ruth Baldwin
Mila B. Bermudes